

REMARKS

At the outset, applicant and his attorneys wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the recent interview. The Examiner's careful attention to the application on that occasion is greatly appreciated.

The independent claims 1 and 13 are amended herewith in the manner discussed at the interview. It is believed that the claims as thus amended are free of the applied prior art.

In particular, each of the independent claims 1 and 13 now recites that the display style information is stored in memory of the user terminals before those user terminals "first" access the server.

By contrast, OVADYA et al. U.S. Patent Application 2001/0009008 is applied in the outstanding final rejection in such a manner that the user terminal stores therein a description of options for display style only after the server has first sent an HTML document to the user terminal.

Therefore, it is believed to be apparent that the above-noted amendment to the independent claims 1 and 13 is effective to prevent any unintended reading of those claims on the disclosure of OVADYA et al.

Support for the above-noted amendment to the independent claims 1 and 13 is found throughout the specification, including, for example, page 4, line 11 through page 5, line 21.

As was also discussed at the interview, claim 13 is further amended herewith to alter the perspective of the claim, such that each step is performed at the user terminal. This change is not seen to affect the scope of the claim from the standpoint of accessing its novelty in relation to the prior art.

For the foregoing reasons, therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Allowance and passage to issue are accordingly respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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